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RE: Serial No. 10/634,356; Filed August 5, 2003
Title: Connection Apparatus for a Transaxle Having Two Housings

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Hauser)	Examiner: Lum Vannucci, L.
Serial No.:	10/634,356)	Group Art Unit: 3611
Filed	August 5, 2003)	Docket No. 36400.29US2
Title:	Connection Apparatus for a)	
	Transaxle Having Two Housings)	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action dated April 19, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The applicant makes the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.

Amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the sentence in the "Related Application" section at page 1, lines 5 and 6, in its entirety and replace it with the following:

This application claims the benefit of and is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/056,570 filed on January 25, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,644,425, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

PTO/SB/17 (10-03)

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)****Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/634,356
Filing Date	August 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	Raymond Hauser
Examiner Name	Lum Vannucci, L.
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808	180	1808	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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